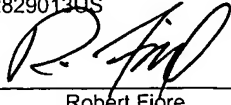


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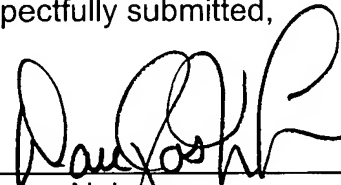
Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for an additional third extension month for responding to the non-final Office Action dated October 28, 2006, extending the period of response from March 28, 2006 to April 28, 2006.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the petition fee of \$285.00, the difference between a two-month and three-month extension, along with any additional

fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-0440 during the pendency of prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas N. Larson", written over a horizontal line.

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